

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

CALEB BASSETT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HERBERT SLATERY, et al.,

Defendants.

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No. 3:21-cv-152

Judge Katherine A. Crytzer

Magistrate Judge Debra C. Poplin

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' AMENDED COMPLAINT**

Defendants Jonathan Skrmetti,¹ Tennessee Attorney General and Reporter, and Jeff Long, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, hereby request, under Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(b), an extension of time in which to respond to Plaintiffs' amended complaint. (D.E. 30.)

After the United States Supreme Court decision in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc. v. Bruen*, 142 S. Ct. 2111 (2022), the Court held a Rule 16 Scheduling Conference on July 20, 2022. (D.E. 27.) At the status conference, the Court granted the parties' joint oral motion for a limited, forty-five-day (45-day) stay of this action to allow Plaintiffs to file an amended complaint. (D.E. 28.) Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on September 6, 2022, and the Court subsequently denied as moot Defendants' motion to dismiss the original complaint. (D.E. 30, 31.)

¹ Since Plaintiffs' filing of this action, Jonathan Skrmetti succeeded Herbert Slatery as the Attorney General and Reporter. Defendants respectfully submit that Jonathan Skrmetti should be substituted as a defendant in lieu of Herbert Slatery pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d).

Defendants' response to Plaintiffs' amended complaint is currently due on September 20, 2022. *See* Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 15(a)(3).

Defendants respectfully request that this Court grant a thirty-seven-day extension of time for Defendants to file their response to Plaintiffs' amended complaint, up to and including October 27, 2022. Good cause exists to grant this request because Defendants have worked diligently to draft their response; however, the undersigned was out of the office for personal reasons for a short time, and is working to meet other dispositive deadlines in federal cases upon his return.

The parties have conferred, and Plaintiffs do not oppose this request. The parties agree that an extension will not prejudice either party because no scheduling order is currently in force in the case, and the extension will not affect any other deadlines.

For these reasons, and good cause shown, Defendants respectfully request that this Court enter an order setting a deadline of October 27, 2022 for Defendants to submit a response to Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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